

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

DIVINE HEALING IN THE ATONEMENT
"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."—Isa. 53:5.

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Special Prayer Day For The Assembly, Sunday, October 6

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

The Past, The Present, The Future

Sallie O. Lee

These three words cover the space from the beginning to the end of time. With all the desires of man to unveil the mysteries of the future and to cast the horoscope of coming years, why is it that the stern, inevitable, certain facts that are before us are so carelessly forgotten or determinedly thrust aside? Why is it that we meditate on uncertainties and take no heed to realities that we are sure to encounter? But though we may forget or ignore the verities of futurity, we can neither defer them nor escape.

The years pass. How nearly are they forgotten, and the noisy present will soon seem as trivial and as empty as the past. What have we found in the past worth comparing with the prize of everlasting joy? or worth diverting us from the path that leads to life? And as the past seems, today, the present, will seem tomorrow, but the eternal certainties before us will grow grander and more impressive from day to day.

SUPPOSE

Suppose that the world were to roll on, suppose that Jesus were not to come for His Bride and no terrible tribulations were to come and the world were to stand a few years as it is today, no sound of a judgment trumpet to call the gay hilarity of godless men and women to give an account, what would be the realities in a few brief years, with every individual of the thirteen hundred millions that swarm this globe? They will all be dead. Every face of loveliness will be a grinning skull, every form of strength will be a heap of molding bones. The vast armies of earth will all have melted away. Every king will have changed his throne for his sepulcher and his purple robe for a shroud. Every conqueror will have yielded to the power that conquers all. Every hope of mortal life that now cheers and brightens the way of life will have vanished as the morning dew. Every house on the earth will have changed its tenants. Every dollar will have passed for ever from its present owner into other hands. Every acre of land inherited by man will have gone to other possessors. All their land deeds and great papers of possession can be filed on the dead man's file. Kingdoms may flourish but they will have new kings and subjects. Laws and governments may survive but new men shall administer all their great concerns. Every church will have wholly changed its members, every congregation will be composed of entirely new hearers. Every preacher that preaches today will have ceased to proclaim the words of life. Why not let's preach it as it is in all of its fullness, without fear of men and devils, even though it causes persecutions, conflicts, and troubles and we have to go sore footed, hungry, and destitute of many of the necessities of life? Look to the reward of tomorrow and not the reputation and reward of today we get here in this life. The voice that now thrills the heart of thousands with its power will be hushed in the silence of the tomb, waiting the reward of tomorrow, if haply they have any. The hands that write these lines will soon be molding skeletons, the eyes that read them will have left empty sockets in a silent grave, and all the earthly love, hope, ties, joys, kindness and friendships of these myriads of mankind will have passed for ever away and the dreaded account of every human soul that lives will be written and sealed up to the judgment of the great day.

THE SOLEMN HOUR WILL COME
But we need not linger long in these
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GOSPEL PREACHED IN NEW FIELD

HIWASSEE, Ga.—I am praising God this morning for the way he has blessed in our home and in this community. On July 10 the Lord sent Brother and Sister Ledford of Marietta, Ga. to this place. The meeting began with great interest and continued for about twelve days. Many souls were blessed. Four were sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues, four followed the Lord in water baptism and we are expecting a church here soon. This is a new field and people came for miles to hear the gospel and it was given out in its fullness. We greatly appreciate Brother and Sister Ledford. We believe there was great good done. We hope the Lord will send them this way again.

We ask all the saints to pray for this place that we will hold out faithfully to the end and have a Church of God here soon. Husband and I are both members of the Church of God but we haven't the Holy Ghost. Every one pray for us that we will receive the full blessing and live the life until Jesus comes or calls.—Your sister in the Church of God, Mrs. John H. Garrett.

Our Efforts Had Not Been In Vain

FT. MEADE, Fla.—Our revival has come and gone but the way the presence of the Lord came down in our midst and the waves of glory filled our town shall always be cherished among our most precious memories.

Brother and Sister Waldron and daughters, Evelyn and Cleone, of Largo, Sister Alva Mae McClure, and the girls' quartet from Ft. Myers were with us.

The Lord began to bless in the very first service. The people responded readily with their presence and finance. We had large crowds and very good behavior. The messages Sister Waldron brought from night to night were so interesting and inspiring no one seemed to get tired. Brother Waldron with his big handshakes and words of encouragement was a blessing to everyone. We shall never forget Sister Alva Mae McClure. How faithful she was to work in the altar! Just her presence seemed to bring the glory of the Lord in our midst. She preached several sermons which were beneficial to everyone, especially the young people. The girls sang so many good songs. I don't see how we could have gotten along without them. The girls have the victory and were very faithful.

Last but not least is our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister B. W. Watson. Brother Watson was at his best and Sister Watson helped with her tireless efforts to be a blessing to some one.

The revival lasted for three weeks and a number were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. We praise the dear Lord for the way He blessed. We appreciate the way the Ft. Green folks helped us. They have the victory and were so faithful.

Just a few more days and this year will be gone. God has blessed us wonderfully. Our Sunday School is the best it has ever been. The biggest thrill we have gotten was one Sunday morning when we all arrived at Sunday School. What should we see hanging on the wall but the Florida State Sunday School banner! We knew then our efforts had not been in vain. Thank the Lord!

Brother and Sister Watson have tried to do their best. They have been a blessing and we all love them and hope they will be back with us again next year. Pray for us.—Lillian Lamb, clerk, 25 N. Seminole Ave.

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To The
Twenty-sixth
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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PRAYER DAY

As the 26th Annual Assembly is soon to convene in Cleveland, Tenn., and according to our usual custom we are calling for a prayer day on the first Sunday in October, Oct. 4. It is very necessary to pray at this time for the success of the Church of God of which Jesus is the head. Acts 20:28 tells us plainly that He purchased it with His own blood, and while we are ministers and members in particular and everyone has his work to do and special positions are to be filled we do not believe in honoring and worshiping man for Jesus is the ONE who is due all honor and praise.

Please remember this prayer day. It will be well for as many as will to fast and pray that God will have His way in this Assembly and that every office may be filled by those whom the Holy Ghost may direct the Assembly to appoint. It is extremely necessary that we have the Lord's mind in these things if this great work is to succeed.

I wish to state to the Church in general that this has been a great year for the Church of God. The business at Headquarters has made rapid progress and great success. The ingathering of souls has been great; many new churches have been set in order and approximately two hundred ministers have been added to our number.

We urge all to come to the Assembly. Please come if possible. We would be glad if the 26,000 members and ministers could be here. Would it not be a great time? We are looking forward to see you at the Assembly.

Please remember the prayer day, October 4. — S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

Mission Department

Material for this department should be mailed to
Zeno C. Tharp, Mission Secretary, 203 Parris Ave.,
Greenville, S. C.

A PLEA FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Evangel readers, as I begin this article I think of its importance and you to whom it is addressed. It is important because of the great need of our foreign neighbors and our privilege and power to help them. Many of you who will read this are my personal acquaintances and have been informed of my stay on the mission field a part of two years. The longer I stayed on the mission field the more I saw and felt the need of mission work. I had no dream of a man calling me over to his place to help them, but wide awake I saw their need and heard their call for help. Since I came back to the States Sister Phife of Cat Island wrote me to plead for financial aid for them. She wrote, "Brother Auten, I am writing you because you know our need." Yes, almost two years I studied them. Beloved, should we help these who call upon us for help? We are told to be followers of God. He helps those who call upon Him for help. Then to follow Him we will help them. Christ commissioned the Church to go into all the world and preach and teach all nations the gospel. Matt. 28:19, 20. Then as Paul asked, How can they preach except they be sent? Rom. 10:15. Many other Scriptures of precept and example teach us that we ought to give to the foreign mission cause.

I notice some statistics. The Seventh Day Adventists in one year gave on an average of nearly twenty-two dollars per member. Some other denominations that year gave on an average of nearly three dollars per member. I do not know how much the Church of God members gave that year but we the Church of God who have the gospel, the highest standard of religion, to whom the commission was given, last year gave on an average per person the small amount of a little over nine cents (less than a dime). I am acquainted with a large church, yes, a Church of God, whose members spent money for ice cream and similar things and gave nothing to foreign missions. This happened last year. We know we ought to give to the foreign mission cause, and the reason we do not give as we ought is

because so much is given to other things, and some of these things not necessities of life. If we would give on an average of five cents per member each month, we would give approximately fifteen thousand dollars annually. I believe if our leaders—overseers and pastors—had this work at heart as we ought, by preaching and teaching foreign missions we could raise the five cents per member each month. Fellow ministers, let us show ourselves interested in this worthy cause.

I am faithfully yours for the advancement of the Church of God.—Wm. T. Auten, ex-missionary to the Bahamas.

JUST A FEW WORDS ABOUT MISSION WORK

Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:34, "Awake to righteousness and sin not." Again in Eph. 5:14, he said, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ shall give thee light." There are many who need to awake. I mean those who profess salvation. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Spirit and I'm going to meet Jesus when He comes. Some are asleep to the truth and have never awakened to righteousness.

Jesus said that what we did to the least of His brethren we did unto Him. Some may say, I haven't done anything. That is so. You need to awake and do something. Here in our homeland we need home missions as well as the foreign lands. There are many who think they can't go to church a month without a new dress or suit and from that to two or three, and everything has got to be up-to-date. That car has got to shine and be filled with gas and oil, and not once but many times it goes for miles and miles where it should not go. There you are, gas and oil, gas and oil. You say, Well what is that to anybody? I am working and paying for it. Yes, you are but have you ever stopped a moment and thought on this, Awake to righteousness? Many are asleep, not in bed, not in the dust of the earth, but asleep to the Word of God. Boys and girls, it is time for us (Continued on page four)

BAPTISTS RECEIVED THE LIGHT

STROUD, Okla.—I praise the Lord for the few who are in Stroud. They still love the Lord. We have just closed a four and one-half weeks' meeting. Brother Jesse A. Cook did the preaching. He never failed to give out the Word straight and clean. He made many friends, and surely got the devil to howling. He suffered many trials to bring the Word. He preached about ten days on one meal a day. Some of the sinners found it out and began inviting him to their homes and taking him to cafes. He never murmured but just preached the same.

Several said it was the best preaching ever done in Stroud. Baptists said they got light on the Bible they never had before. They wanted the meeting to go on. Others crawled in a shell and found fault with everything.

He has a warm welcome back by both saints and sinners any time he can come this way. Three of the church members who had backslidden prayed back to the Holy Ghost and several others got experiences. Eternity alone will tell the good that was done.—Your sister under the blood, Stella Walker.

Sunday School Convention a Success

LAKE WORTH, Fla.—Lake Worth had one of the best Sunday School conventions that has ever been in the East Coast. Surely God was with us. Brother F. M. Waldron was with us and taught our Sunday School lesson which was enjoyed by all. Brother J. F. Pierce gave the welcome address which made everyone feel welcome and at home, just like all Church of God people do. Then we had speaking by H. L. Chesser of Coconut Grove, Fla. He gave us a wonderful talk. We were all made glad and lifted up by his message. Best of all, God was with us in a wonderful way. We had another message by T. M. McClendon, the pastor from Miami church. We enjoyed this. We appreciate having the good people from Ft. Pierce and Okeechobee. We are proud of you and want you to come back again. We love the dear ones from Riviera and Miami. I know we appreciate everyone. We had a wonderful time with the Lord and I know it will be remembered long.

We had a long table with plenty of good things to eat and two barrels of ice water. We all enjoyed ourselves as one big family.

We thank the Lord for Brother and Sister H. L. Holly. They both worked so hard to have everything so everyone could enjoy themselves. They have done a wonderful work at Lake Worth. Our church was blown away in the 1928 storm. We had no place to hold services only in the parsonage. Now we have a nice large building. It is plastered. It looks so nice. We give God all the glory for it. It's much better than before the storm. Sister Holly has set out so much nice shrubbery. We are not ashamed of our church. I know God is pleased with what they have done. They surely are people of God. They have had it hard here. We all are sharing these hard times but God knows all things. He has promised never to forsake us. We are expecting to have a revival here. Pray for us that God will bless and save many souls. Pray for us.—Mrs. H. E. Rupp, 317 N. L. St.

SEVEN ADDED TO CHURCH

HORSE BRANCH, Ky.—A revival has just closed at Salem, Ky. Fifteen were saved, seventeen sanctified, twelve received the Holy Ghost, ten were baptized in water, and seven were added to the church. We praise the Lord for Brother D. C. Rayhill from Mitchell Hill. He surely is a faithful worker for the Lord. We had large crowds and the Lord surely did bless. We just praise the Lord for the way He blessed our three children. They received the Holy Ghost. Pray for us and the church at Salem.—Willis Carden, pastor.

WHAT IS THE USE OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

"In the spirit he speaketh mysteries"

J. A. Bixler

The fourteenth chapter of 1st Corinthians is a wonderful diamond that has been overlooked by a great many in the church. People have thought that it was a valueless stone but it has turned out to be a precious diamond. There are many people who would prefer that this important chapter of forty verses were not in the Bible. They say they do not understand it and they do not want to. We read in the 37th verse, "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."

Some ask, "DOES NOT THE BIBLE STATE THAT TONGUES SHALL CEASE?" Suppose you have a son in a foreign land and get letters from him. How you value those letters. You read them over and over. By and by the son comes home and you do not read the letters. Why? Because your son has come and he speaks for himself, face to face with you. We speak in another tongue now to our Father. We have wonderful communication with Him but the time is coming when we shall speak face to face with Him and then tongues will vanish away. Why? Because we shall have such wonderful supernatural knowledge we shall not need the Word of knowledge.

There are three statements of Paul's in this chapter that I would like to emphasize. First, "I WOULD THAT YE ALL SPAKE WITH TONGUES," second, "I THANK MY GOD I SPEAK IN TONGUES MORE THAN YE ALL," third, "WHEREFORE, BRETHREN, COVET TO PHROPHESY, AND FORBID NOT TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES."

This chapter was written with two objects in view. The first to regulate the gifts of speaking in tongues and prophesying, and the second to teach them usefulness, not to have a good time themselves at the expense of others in the church.

First, Paul expresses a distinct wish, "I would that ye all spake with tongues." He knew the value of such speaking.

Second, He further says, I thank my God I speak in TONGUES MORE THAN YE ALL. Paul knew what he was saying. He was not given to exaggeration. He says in another place, I glory in the cross. Gal. 6:14. What was the cross? In some parts of this country felons are executed in the electric chair. In other parts they use the hangman's rope. If any friend of ours is put in the electric chair or goes to the hangman's rope we are not inclined to boast about it. We feel it is a disgrace. Felons were crucified in the days of Paul. It was the lowest, meanest form of death. Christ suffered a felon's death. When Paul said, I glory in the cross, he took upon himself the shame of the cross in a measure. He knew the preaching of the cross to many was just foolishness but he says, "UNTO US WHICH ARE SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD." 1 Cor. 1:18, and so he glorified in that which was a great reproach.

Now he goes a step farther. He thanks God he speaks in tongues more than they all. He glories in the speaking of an unknown tongue. A preacher once said that when he first went to a Pentecostal meeting he would look up and down the road to see if there was anybody watching him. He felt ashamed of associating with such despised people. I do not see any need of apologizing when we are in the same order as people like Paul and Peter and John and Mary the mother of Jesus. When Paul says that he thanks God that he speaks in TONGUES (Continued on page three)

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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G. B. Langford sent a shoe box full of Octagon soap coupons. Please do likewise.

Please remember there will be no Evangel the Assembly week as there has always been the custom of the past.

We have had several visitors in the Evangel office this week: E. M. Ellis, J. L. Goins and wife, W. W. Harmon, W. E. Raney, and H. L. Sorrow.

The gracious revival is still going in Cleveland. Fifty-two have received the Holy Ghost. The power is still falling. Everyone pray for this revival.

A gracious revival is in progress in Cleveland, Miss. Sister S. J. Heath writes us that fifty-four have received the Holy Ghost and the end is not yet. Thank God for the faithful servants.

All those who have song ballads or any job printing please remember the Publishing House as all profits will go to aid the Church of God in its general work of love and salvation to the lost.

The matrons and a few friends in

Notices & Specials

We have just closed a revival in a new field, Flat Rock, Ala., with fifty saved and forty-five received the baptism. I am in another revival at Fayette, Ala. One was saved the first night.—Your brother in Christ, Elmer Waller, Whiteside, Tenn.

HELP WANTED: A blind lady in New York would like to have a good Christian woman to stay with her. She would pay \$50.00 per month. She is alone and has five rooms. She is refined and religiously inclined. She would want some one who could stay steady. You could have off one day each week but not nights. There will not be heavy work but probably a little confining but a nice home to someone, room and board included. She wants some one by the first or middle of October. Write me at once if interested.—N. Ruth Bowles, 351 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Church of God at Macon, Ga., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Alma Lessey and Sister Fannie Sanders. If not heard from before the next quarterly conference your names will be dropped from the church book. We would like to have a written statement regarding your spiritual condition at once.—Jas. A. Bentley, clerk, Perry V. Perkins, pastor, Rt. 1, Box 30, Macon, Ga.

To the Churches of God of Tennessee: The time has arrived for the calling of pastors for the various churches.

Cleveland are now training the children for the orphanage program which will convene at the Auditorium Sunday morning, Oct. 11, at ten o'clock. This bids fair to be the best program of any of the past. Everybody come!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TITHES

We are considerably overdrawn in Sunday School tithes for new Sunday Schools. Unless the Sunday Schools send in their tithes at once we will not be able to furnish literature next quarter for new Sunday Schools. I hope those who see this will remember to send in their Sunday School tithes.

All those having musical instruments, trumpets, trombones, brass horns, in fact all band instruments, please bring them to the Assembly. Brother Hubbell will be present, if the Lord is willing, with his trumpet and Brother McCoy will be here with his Cleveland brass band. Come and join them in this great jubilee. It may be the last one before Jesus comes. We cannot tell.

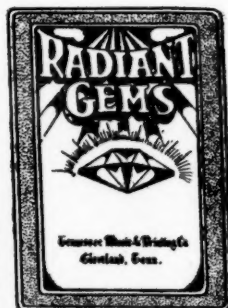
A goodly number of the Annual Report Forms have returned to the General Secretary nicely filled in. We again ask that those who have not yet sent theirs will attend to it soon so we will have them by the 25th of this month. This is important as the statistical report given at the Assembly is made up from these annual reports. Thanks in advance for your prompt attention in this matter.

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es, and the future welfare of the church depends upon your choice in this matter.

We should not call a man just because he is a personal friend of ours or because he has a job so that he can support himself and family, relieving us of all responsibility and expecting our pastor to carry the load all alone, but we should call men who are loyal and can give out the WORD in its fullness and have some executive ability.

Do not call a man who does not pay his tithes according to the Assembly rulings, and we have some who are aspiring to pastoral work. We certainly will not recognize a call for a pastor whom we know to be disloyal. Where there is division leave off calling until matters can be adjusted.

We have some worthy Bible students who are wanting to complete their course in Bible Training School. We believe God would bless any church near Cleveland who would help these boys. They are trying to grow in knowledge as well as grace and their efforts are being blessed everywhere they go. We have just received a communication from Brother J. H. Walker, our Bible School superintendent, recommending two worthy men. You don't know how we want to help them, seeing they are making such sacrifice to equip themselves for the ministry. We consider the Bible School the greatest asset the Church has. When we see the worthy ministers who have come from this school, it makes us wish that all of our young ministers could take this training course. Please give these men a chance.—A. Gann, Overseer of Tenn.

This is to notify all concerned that F. W. Anderson is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God. Laud L. Vaught, Overseer of Va.

To all the ministers and clerks in Virginia: As the ministerial year is fast closing out I beseech you to get busy with all the books on the General Indebtedness and try to sell the number of coupons allotted to your church. Let us try to be faithful in all things.

I will also ask each clerk to please send me by the 28th of September a correct notice of how many members you have in your church, males and females, and also give the number of licensed ministers, exhorters, evangelists, deacons, and bishops, so we may be able to give correct information at the Assembly. I have no way of knowing how many exhorters are in the state unless you respond to this call. It will also help us to check up on the ministry and may aid us in finding work for them in the incoming year. The Assembly is fast approaching and I hope there will be a good delegation there from this state. Times are very hard in this state for many but I am sure you will receive a blessing if you go there.

Please put on a special campaign for the Evangel from now until the Assembly and let us see how many copies of the Evangel we can have coming into this state next year.

I am thanking each of you in advance for this service and for your faithfulness and hearty cooperation throughout this year. — Faithfully yours, Laul L. Vaught, Overseer of Virginia.

CORRECTION — To whom it may concern: A Gann has revoked my ministerial rights, but I have taken an appeal to the supreme judges.—Signed, W. F. Bryant.

It was not A. Gann personally that revoked the ministry of W. F. Bryant, but the State Board of Tennessee.—Editors.

To Church of God ministers: Sign painting, chart drawing, any kind of work along this line at a reduced price to help the Church of God. Write me and explain just what you want.—B. S. Cline, Box 302, Fayetteville, W. Va.

I have a tent for sale for \$85.00 cash. It is 30x30, with a 7 foot wau, and 120 feet around. It is made of 8½ ounce duck with nice poles and good stakes with iron rings on top and two gas torch lights. All will weigh 583 pounds. It has only been up four times. It has four small patches on it. A good gospel tent. Write or wire Elder A. W. Lay, 203 Montgomery St., Marietta, Ga.

Requests

We are now in a meeting at Myrtlewood, Ala. This is a new place. We are having large crowds and the interest is good. We are looking forward to a good revival. Pray for us that God will have His way and we will see many souls win the victory. —Yours for the Master's service, J. T. Tucker.

I praise the Lord for saving and sanctifying me. I am seeking the Holy Ghost. I ask all who read this to pray for me. I don't get to go to church. There isn't any Church of God here. I have to stay with my aged

father. Please pray for him. He is sick and so feeble his mind is failing him. Please pray that the Lord will strengthen, heal and save him. I know the Lord can heal. My little girl took a headache and fever the other night. I prayed for her and by morning her fever and headache was gone. Please pray hard for me as I am going thru hard places. The devil doesn't want me to get the Holy Ghost but by the grace of God I am going thru. I believe in holiness and the Church of God. I am having a hard time here as others are against this way and I don't get any encouragement. I sent a request sometime ago for prayer and they must have prayed as I got sanctified. I didn't get to write to all the sisters who wrote me but I remember them in my prayers as their letters were much comfort to me. — A sister in the Lord, Mrs. J. R. Kurfman, Tarkio, Mo.

I want to hold up Jesus and His wonderful healing power. I have been high unto death. I had very sore eyes and Jesus healed me. I can never do enough for Him for what He has done for me and my family. My boy has a disease in his head and I want all to pray for him for we are trusting God for soul and body. I have to send him to school and I don't know what they will do to him at school. All who know the worth of prayer pray for him. I know Jesus will heal. I praise God because I found the dear Church of God and belonged to her before I came to Arizona. I am in the Church of God and shall not be moved.—Mrs. King Turpin, Miami, Ariz.

Please pray for me. I feel so lonely since I lost my victory. I don't feel like I have done any sins but I have been in hard places and away from the Church and God's people and among people who are holiness fighters. I have had such hard trials, temptations, and burdens to bear. I have no one to help me. My husband and all my family are unsaved except one son in South Carolina. I want prayer for my son and his wife that they may be saved and also for my husband and other children. My whole heart's desire is to do God's will and be a soul winner for God. I ask all the saints to pray for me to get back to God. Oh how I long to work for the Lord!—One who still loves God, Maggie Hickerson, Rt. 1, Muscadine, Ala.

I ask all the saints to pray for me that I will be healed of T. B. I have been afflicted a long time. It will be two years next February since I have worked any. I want all to pray that God will heal me and I will go on and get the full blessing and do the Lord's will.—Jewell Kirby, Melrose, N. Mex.

Please pray for Mrs. Bessie Reece. She has almost lost her sight but she said she believed in divine healing. She is the mother of four little children. Pray for the Lord to heal her eyes and her body of other afflictions if it is His will. She is not a member of the Church of God but may be some day.—Your sister who wants the blessed Holy Ghost, Mrs. Addie Dickson, Easley, S. C.

Please pray that God will heal our oldest child of a bad case of cataract of the head. She has never taken any medicine and we are trusting God to heal her.—Your brother, H. L. Bagwell, Waterloo, S. C.

Many Seed Were Sown

The successful brush arbor meeting near Teneil, Tenn. was conducted by P. F. Graves, Brother Bell, and the writer. Four were saved and sanctified. The power fell almost every service. The interest was good and the attention was the best the writer ever witnessed. Many seed were sown. Several request prayer. Saints, let's pray much.—Your little brother, G. W. Ragin, Rt. 2, Kenton, Tenn.

MY TRIP NORTH

We left Jacksonville, Fla. on June 6 and went to Pine Park, Ga. We ran a week's meeting and set a church in order with seven members. We had water baptism and washed the saints' feet. We went to Rochelle, Ga. and baptized six. From here we went to Duncan, S. C. and took one into the church. We next went to Washington, N. C. where we baptized fifteen. This made twenty-eight we had baptized in water. We built a nice little church house 24x32, although it is not completed. A white brother gave the lot and I gave my time and labor. From here we went to East New Market, Md. to visit my father-in-law. We did not go out to services for two nights as the work there is under the white overseer and I did not want any one to think I was trying to interfere. The saints invited me out however and we ran a week's meeting. The Lord gave us some wonderful services, both colored and white enjoyed them and wanted us to stay longer. From there we went to Philadelphia, Pa. where we stayed two nights. The saints were revived. We next went to Woodbury, N. J. where we ran a three weeks' revival. Our son, C. F. Bright, Jr., did the preaching. The Lord blessed him in giving out the Word. He captured an infidel that hadn't been to church in fourteen years. This infidel used to preach on the streets in Philadelphia telling the people there was no God but he and his wife got saved and are now members of the great Church of God. He is a foreigner and speaks seven different languages but he is a happy child of God. We came back to Philadelphia on Aug. 17 to attend the state convention of the colored work. The Lord did bless. This convention will live long in the memory of the people. Eternity alone can tell my trip. We got back home the 25th. May God bless every one who reads this.—Yours in the Master's service, C. F. Bright.

Pray For Colquit, Ga.

I feel led to write a few lines to the Evangel in behalf of the few weeks' revival near Colquit, Ga. I received a letter from Brother Eugene Temples a few days ago stating that fourteen had been saved and one received the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord! I understand that Brother Temples is to preach for them once a month and I don't feel that that is enough preaching to keep old Satan from seeking and devouring those precious souls who have made a start with the Lord. The point I want to get at is that every one who reads this pray for them and pray especially for some one to go there and establish a Church of God. If there is any place where a Church of God is needed, it is there. Pray for the meeting that is to start up near the same place where they held the other meeting. May the Lord bless you all is my wishes.—Yours in Christ and a member of the Church of God, Floyd S. Deese, Jacksonville, Fla.

GOD IS WITH US

DILLON, S. C.—God is with us. Who can be against us? I am glad we can sing, pray, and shout and run the devil out. We began a meeting about four miles east of Dillon June 6. We won victory. Eleven were saved, eight sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost. This was the greatest meeting ever known here in a long time. God was with us until the end. The name of the church was Locks Chapel. Bro. J. B. Bailey and Brother Allen Cook did the preaching. They preached the Word under the power of the Holy Ghost. Pray for us that we will fight the devil.—Your brother in Christ, J. H. McDowell, Rt. 2.

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Truly it was Wonderful

KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—We have just closed a good revival here. The pastor, Brother Snyder, feeling impressed to have a meeting in another part of town from the church succeeded in getting a place that had been built for a church and two holiness movements had failed in stirring up any interest and had quit having services there. It was in a place where there had been two or three murders and about four suicides in the last several months and some said there was no use, but we entered the battle in the name of the Lord. There were good crowds from the beginning. We were never able to accommodate all who came. Sister Griffin helped in the preaching the first two weeks. Her messages were good and seasoned with the Spirit. The meeting continued four weeks, the pastor doing most of the preaching the last two weeks. We also appreciate the cooperation of the church as all seemed interested and helped all they could.

One night after Brother Snyder had preached on Revelation two ladies came to his house and said, We want to talk to you about what you preached. We have been going to services all our lives and never heard of such things as marriage supper, tribulation and the millennial reign. One said to the other, Why don't you tell him what you want? She said, We want you to pray for us. They knelt down and were soon saved and blessed. Others prayed thru in the early hours of the morning after being at church. In this meeting and the next service or two at the church fifty-five were saved, twenty-eight were sanctified, sixteen received the Holy Ghost. Truly it was wonderful. Brother Snyder is in a meeting at Mooresville, N. C. Crowds are large and interest good.—Mrs. J. L. Hathcock.

Souls Saved Under Strong Preaching

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—Dear readers, I want to report victory today. We started a meeting here July 9 and it continued until the 26th. Brother F. J. Cook from Glen Morrison, W. Va. was in charge. He did some good preaching. Eight testified to being saved, three or four sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water and three came into the great Church of God. The meeting closed with good interest, large crowds, lots of conviction and several seeking the Holy Ghost. Everybody seems to like Brother Cook if he did preach the Word hard. That is just what it takes to get souls really saved. If they are saved under the terms of the gospel, they most always stand. A scared religion doesn't last long but if people hear the Word of God and turn away from sin and seek the Lord, He will save them, and if they walk in the light, they will not fall. Our pastor, O. W. Thomas, came in while the meeting was going on and preached one night. His subject was the double cure for sin. It made the devil mad. He was stirred from the very beginning. Brother Cook brought some good messages on Daniel's prophecy and Revelation. We are looking for him back soon. We need your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Bertha Hayes.

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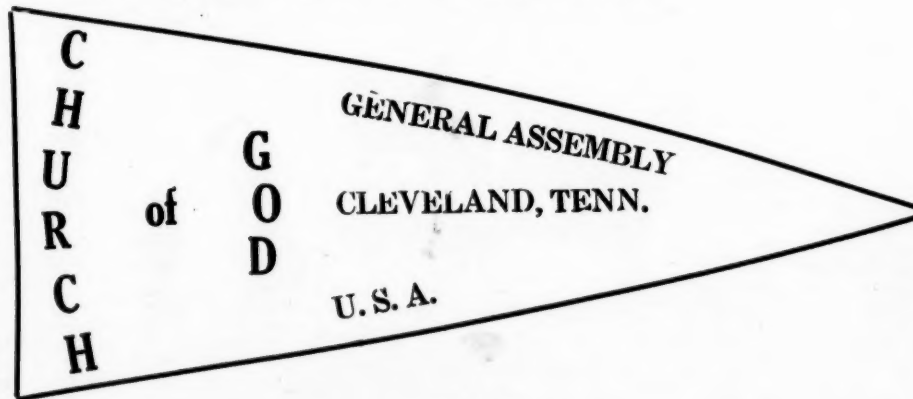
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WHAT IS THE USE OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

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more than all, I do not think we should be ashamed if we are doing the same thing he did.

Third, "FORBID NOT TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES." We Pentecostal people are the only body that forbids not to speak with tongues in our assemblies. In every other place they will turn you out if you start to speak in tongues.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF SPEAKING IN TONGUES

First, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries." If you were invited to go to Washington to confer with Mr. Hoover you would consider it a great honor to have an interview with the president of the greatest republic in the world. You may not be invited to Washington, but you have the privilege to have an interview with and speak unto God. What are we to talk about? We have it here, "In the spirit he speaketh mysteries," or as Rotherham translates this, "He is speaking sacred secrets." In Heb. 10:19 we read, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." We have here two ideas. Knit them together and you will see it is our privilege to speak sacred mysteries, with freedom of speech to utter them in the holiest place. We speak not unto men but unto God. What are we speaking? We are speaking sacred secrets with an absent LOVER that our natural mind or understanding is not allowed to enter into or grasp.

The idea conveyed here is that it is a language used in initiation into a secret society, a spiritual language for a spiritual purpose. In most all fraternities or lodges there is a language used called a religious language that a man must not tell outside the lodge, not even to his wife. It is a language used and preserved entirely for the lodge. It is a secret sacred to them. The same thought is conveyed here that when God gives a man a new tongue He gives him something the natural man cannot fathom. It is just wonderful. Have you experienced it? DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO SPEAK TO GOD OF THE THINGS OF GOD? God has put His Spirit within and the Spirit is craving and longing to answer back to God in a language fit for God and fit for heaven and God in His wonderful condescension comes upon one by the

Holy Spirit and takes out that which He puts in.

Second, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." He gets a spiritual tonic. Certain folks go to a doctor and pay him three dollars and get a bottle of tonic. After they have drunk it they are frequently worse than better. I know a real tonic for the body. It is to take the life of the Lord for your body. We need a spiritual tonic and the Lord has provided this means that as we speak in the UNKNOWN TONGUE TO GOD WE ARE BUILT UP IN OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE. This is a means of making us strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Third, when interpretations accompany the speaking in tongues it edifies the church. It provides building material, the gold and silver, and precious stones referred to in 1 Cor. 3:12.

Fourth, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not." 1 Cor. 14:22. Tongues are a sign to the unbeliever. There are many unbelievers, you have seen them I dare say. Time and again when God by His mighty Spirit comes upon an individual in an assembly perhaps speaking in tones of pathos or sympathy or it may be in the voice of the thunderings of Sinai, the unsaved man trembles. Men have been brought to repentance thru a message in a tongue which they have been able to recognize.

Some people tell us they have sought and prayed and done many things but have not received the Holy Ghost. You may have gotten close to the blessing but you failed to go further. Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit. You may put a bottle of water on to boil. The temperature may go up to 210 and the kettle sing but the water is not boiling. You may get the temperature to 211½ and the water is still not boiling. The kettle is singing away all right but you have to wait until the water gets to 212 and then it boils. There is a mighty movement then and the lid begins to lift. It is just like this with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. As we wait before God we become warmed by the fire within. As the power becomes stronger we feel that pressure must go off in steam and we have the speaking in tongues in another tongue. If you are seeking the fullness of the Spirit, if you are up to 211½, don't stop, but tarry until you get to 212. Open your whole being to the Lord and He will flood you with His mighty power.

Louisiana State Camp Meeting

Our state camp meeting convened at Epps, La. July 30-Aug. 10. The attendance was good. Large crowds came out at night. All of the ministers from the north end of the state were present. We had services at eleven a. m. and seven-thirty p. m. The morning services were mostly for the saints on the line of teaching and were enjoyed by all. The night services were on evangelistic order and were good. Four received the Holy Ghost and several were saved and sanctified. We had Professor Doss from Bastrop with us part of the time and also his class from Dunn. They rendered good music. We also had the Dunn Quartet with us several times. Their singing was enjoyed by all.

While we heard much talk about hard times we don't think anyone went away hungry or without a place to sleep. If you want good entertainment come to Louisiana. The people here will do everything they can to make you comfortable and happy in their homes. The ministers all seemed to be at their best preaching and working in the meeting.

The last Sunday was set for convention day. It seemed to be the best day of all. At ten-thirty a. m. Sunday School talks were given by Sister H. B. Simmons and Brother H. Smith. The talks were to the point and enjoyed by all. The eleven o'clock message on "The Church of God" was delivered by the State Overseer. We adjourned at twelve o'clock. At two-thirty p. m. we came together and had singing by the choir. Next was the reading of the financial reports of all the churches. A talk on Y. P. E. by Sister Amanda Fuller, president of the Dunn Y. P. E. The Y. P. E. is a good organization for the young people of the church as they need a place to work. The next on the program was a missionary talk by the writer. I believe most of the people became more enthused over mission work and several of the sisters promised to set aside chickens for that purpose. Brother H. B. Simmons and Brother J. R. Brooks gave talks on the general interest of the church. Brother Frank Ainsworth gave a talk on the Bible School. It was the last on the program but not the least by any means. He showed how necessary it was for the young people who are called in the ministry to attend the Bible School that they might know how to rightly divide the Word and be able to meet the false teachings that are abroad in the land today. Convention adjourned at six-thirty.

At seven-thirty we came together for the last service. The Epps choir sang several songs. They were at their best singing. The Dunn Quartet sang some. The message was given by the State Overseer on "The Coming of Jesus." The large crowd listened attentively as the message went forth. An altar call followed and many souls went to the altar crying and weeping while the Dunn Quartet sang "Life Is Uncertain and Death Is Sure." Several got saved and sanctified and several testified to healing. It was said by many that the last service was the best. The people begged us to continue the meeting but some of the preachers had their appointments set for meetings and we had to get back to our work. I don't want to forget our young people's Bible reading. At six o'clock every afternoon the writer taught the class and enjoyed it more than any part of the service. The young people seem so glad to study the different subjects and talk on them. When we left they came to me and said they wished they could have the readings all the time. I hope some one there will take this up with the young people as so many of them need it.—Mrs. E. E. Simmons, Box 296, Kentwood, La.

Knock And It Shall Be Opened Unto You

CROCKETT, TEX.—We have just closed a three weeks' meeting at Wesley's Chapel. The dear Lord blessed in a wonderful way. About twenty-three were saved, twenty-three sanctified, nineteen received the Holy Ghost, nineteen followed the Lord in water baptism, and seventeen were added to the church.

Brother Grace had the meeting in charge. The Lord surely blessed him in giving out the Word. Brother E. A. Ramey also assisted in the meeting. We had the saints with us from Crockett. They would sing, testify, and work in the altar. We thank the dear Lord for them.

The meeting closed with sacrament and feet washing. We find Matt. 7:7 tells us to "ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." We find this is what a few are doing. I thank Him for giving more laborers to work in His vineyard. I feel we can never praise Him enough for His mercy and goodness to me.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. E. A. Ramey.

We Had a Wonderful Time

URBANA, ILL.—I am praising God tonight for salvation. I thank Him for the Church of God in Urbana and for the revival that has just closed with our district convention. We certainly had a wonderful time. We praise God for Brother Anderson of Bridgeport who did the preaching and brought forth such good messages, also we thank God for our pastor, Brother Stanley Joplin, and his family. He certainly feeds the flock good at this place.

Our baby eleven months old was afflicted with a terrible skin disease. It had spread almost over his entire body. But during the convention God wonderfully healed him and today, just a week from the time he was touched, he is a well baby. I thank God also for healing me of tonsillitis the same night. Brother Rouse was with us two nights and he laid his hands on many and rebuked their afflictions in Jesus' name. It was thru him that our baby and I were healed. Thank God for men and women who are not afraid to step out on His promises.

Please pray for us in Urbana that God will pour out His Spirit in these last days as it seems people are getting Gospel hardened out here. Perhaps they are too proud but God is able to humble them.—A sister for the Lord's work, Joy Risinger, 805 California Ave.

God Has Full Control

WEATHERFORD, TEX.—I have been requested by some of the saints here to write a report about the Texas state camp meeting which passed into history about midnight Sunday night Aug. 16. Owing to the extreme scarcity of money the attendance was not as large as had been, yet it was about the same as last year. The crowds at the night services were very large as the local people would come from far and near to see and hear.

No record was kept on earth of the number of baptisms nor of the good done otherwise but we are sure the recording angel has a complete record. People were here from Tennessee, Oklahoma and perhaps from other states. Brother Latimer, General Overseer of the Church, was here several days in which he did some wonderful preaching.

I think forty-nine churches were represented, several of which are four hundred miles away. God had full control at all times and the Holy Ghost was here in manifestations and power. Many were healed of their diseases. Much and, we hope, lasting good was done, the extent of which eternity alone will tell.

Brother Jack Ellis had charge of the choir and such wonderful music we had. Sunday afternoon about twenty were baptized in a beautiful lake near town owned by a banker whose name is G. A. Holland. He was very kind to us which is highly appreciated.

Brother S. J. Wood, our state overseer, had charge of the camp meeting and everything went along as smoothly as could be. It was just one large family all in unity and not a cross of any kind. They all went away happy, looking for the soon coming of the Lord. Many were here who had never attended the camp meeting before.

The church at Weatherford is in fine condition. We have had several additions under the pastorate of Brother J. C. Coats and wife. We love them very much. Pray for us here that we will ever be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh us a reason of the hope that is in us with meekness and fear.—Your brother, I. G. Lee.

Revival in Progress

THOMASTON, GA.—I praise the dear Lord for what He is to me right now and for what He has really been to me for the past nine years since He baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire and I've been added to the dear old Church of God and my body has been divinely healed and I pay tithes. I am thanking Him for healing me every time I get sick. He healed me last Sunday night for which I praise Him.

I thank Him for the revival that is going on here now. It is conducted by Brother W. A. Sullivan, our pastor, and wife. The Lord has wonderfully blessed in the meeting. Several have been blessed. I am just thinking how the dear Lord so wonderfully blessed here on the ninth day of August. After preaching by Brother Sullivan an altar call was made and several went to the altar. All left the altar but one fourteen year old girl. She remained and still sought the Holy Ghost. We stayed with her until she prayed thru and was baptized with the Holy Ghost. A message was given thru her and also a warning to the congregation. Many were brought to conviction and several fell at the altar. Four more cried thru and received the Holy Ghost, three were sanctified, and one saved. I praise the Lord for this. The

I Am Encouraged

WALHALLA, S. C.—I am praising the Lord this morning for full and free salvation. I am glad I am in this way. I am saved, sanctified and the sweet Holy Ghost abides right now. I am encouraged to press on. Saints, if there ever was a time we needed to pray, it is now. I want all who read this to help me pray for my dear mother to be saved. I am the only one in my home who belongs to the Church of God but I am looking to the Lord to save the whole family.

We young people have organized a Young People's Endeavor at the Church of God No. 2, Walhalla, S. C. The Lord has been blessing us. We want every one to pray that it will be a success. Pray that each one of us will get closer to the Lord. I mean by the help and grace of God to stand true to the end. Pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Bertha Rogers.

A Church In a Big Field

PRICHARD, Ala.—The revival at Prichard came to a close and a Church of God was set in order with ten members and many more looking this way. We have just moved our tent to another spot of ground and set up again and organized Sunday School with good interest. It was a very rainy day and we only had twenty-eight to begin with but I believe that in a very short time we will have one hundred. The first service we had after moving the tent we had a large crowd and a good meeting. We will use the tent for regular services until we can build a house for worship. This is a large field and many calls have come wanting us at other places in and around Mobile.

We ask all who read this to pray that God will bless and give us many souls and that the little church in Prichard may grow in power and number until we can have a mighty church here. We need about five good preachers who have a lot of faith and power and salvation and who have been called to preach the gospel and who feel like the devil will get them if they do not preach to come to this place, roll up their sleeves and get busy and fully trust the Lord for every dollar they get. With such several churches could be set in order in the next few months. Pray for us.—Luther A. Richard.

revival is still going.

Every one who reads this pray for these who have received salvation in this revival to stand true and do the Lord's will. Pray for my children who are on this highway to stand true and do His will and that those who are in sin will be saved and sealed for God before it is too late.—An humble sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. S. B. Hill-ton, clerk, 300 5th Ave.

Who Will Be Responsible?

RED BAY, Ala.—We have just closed an old fashioned revival at the Church of God at Oak Grove, Miss. Brother Robert Blackwood was in charge. Brother Doyle Blackwood assisted Brother A. H. Wallace in the singing. Brother W. R. Fowler, the pastor, was with us the last week. Many souls wept their way thru at the old fashioned altar. We failed to keep up with the number saved and sanctified. Eight received the Holy Ghost and were reclaimed, five came into the church and six followed the Lord in water baptism. People were stirred for miles away. We felt sad for this meeting to come to a close as about thirty were in the altar on Saturday night before the meeting closed Sunday. Oh who will be responsible for these precious souls? Help us pray for them. This revival was noised abroad until a number from Red Bay came. They said, We never saw it on this fashion. Oh such praying and singing! The fields are truly white to harvest and laborers few.—An humble servant for Jesus, Mrs. Mary Wallace, Box 282.

Learned to Lean on the Everlasting Arm

WHITWELL, Tenn.—I am glad tonight still finds me saved and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. I never can thank Jesus enough for this wonderful blessing and for His healing power. I am fully trusting Jesus for the healing of my body and He always answers in my time of need. I am so glad I learned to lean upon the everlasting arm of Jesus because He is a never failing comfort and help in time of need. He has healed me many times. Dear ones, I'd be afraid not to trust such a powerful Savior.

Our dear pastor, Brother Hickman, is holding a revival here now and many are coming thru to God. In spite of all Satan can do, and he has surely tried to do everything in His power to make us give up the fight, there are a few true blue saints here yet. Pray for the church at Whitwell that she may rise and shine for Jesus.—A sister in Christ, Ruth Layne.

Church Set In Order In Memphis, Tenn.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—I am glad to report victory here after a long struggle. Brother and Sister T. C. Valles came here and began a battle against the enemy which was continued by Brother J. L. Yates and Brother George Douglas. Several were saved and sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost. Aug. 2 Brother Yates set the church in order with fourteen members. Ten followed the Lord in water baptism. Sunday night we partook of the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Pray much for the work here as this is a needy field. The church is located at 2802 Florida St.—L. L. Etheridge, clerk, 39 E. Dempster.

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Divine Healing

He Healed Us

JASPER, Ga.—Just a few words this morning. I promised God if He would heal my little grandson I would testify thru the paper. Thanks be unto our God, He surely did touch his body and made him every whit whole. I also praise Him for healing my body of severe pains that were in my side and for healing my little daughter when she was in a serious condition. I do praise Him because my Redeemer liveth and has gone to prepare a place for me that where He is I may be. I ask everyone who reads this to pray for me.—Mrs. C. M. Patterson.

I Have Good Health

WINOKUR, Ga.—I truly praise the dear Lord for what He is to me. I'm so glad I'm serving a God who will hear and answer prayer. I thank Him because He heard and answered my prayers when I cried for mercy. He wonderfully saved, sanctified, and filled me with heaven's good Holy Ghost and put me on my run to heaven. By His dear help I intend to go all the way. I haven't been in this way long. I received salvation last summer in a revival held here by Brother Y. E. McNear. I am not tired of the way the least bit. His coming is so near. I feel more like pressing on.

I trust God with my body and I have been sickly all my life but I have good health this morning. I just can't praise God enough for what He has done for me. There are six in our family. We all have the Holy Ghost except one. I'm so glad I belong to the Church of God and have sent my sins on to be blotted out by His blood. I ask all who read this to pray for us that we will be meek and humble in the center of His dear will until He comes or calls and that we will do more for Him than ever before.—Your sister under the blood, Maude Allen, Rt. 1, Box 7.

Have Been Trusting Jesus For Eight Years

CORAL RIDGE, Ky.—I thank the Lord for His healing power. I suffered five days with my head. I suffered one morning until ten o'clock then it got better. I called in the saints to pray for me and they kept praying. I promised the Lord if He would heal my head so I could go to the dedication of the Church of God at Highland Park I would testify of it in the Evangel. He healed me. I have been trusting Jesus for both soul and body for about eight years. I have been very sick several times and He healed me. We have some true blue saints at Mitchell Hill church. I am glad I am one of that number. We have a good pastor. He is out for God and His church. All who read this pray for my children to get saved and sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank Jesus for this clean holy way for He said without holiness we could not see God. I praise God for it. I am in the dear Church of God living up to its teachings.—Your humble sister in Jesus, Martha Edwards.

Healed of Appendicitis

FORREST CITY, Ark.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I praise Him for showing me the clean way of holiness. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the precious Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I am only twelve years of age. I was at Poplar Grove last Sunday and the Lord surely did bless. Brother Rouse from West Virginia was there for the state convention. A man came to Brother Rouse to be prayed for. He had been in the hospital for fourteen months with consumption. The Lord wonderfully healed him. Two years ago in November I had appendicitis so severe I could not eat or drink without suffering. I was prayed for and I am a well person today. I give God all the glory for it. I want all who read this to pray for me that I will do what God wants me to do.—Yours for Jesus, Beatrice Walker.

Had Stomach Trouble 10 Years — Healed

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark.—I praise the Lord this morning for His healing power. I was bothered with stomach trouble for about ten years until the night of Aug. 13, 1931. I was in the services with Brother Rouse. He did not lay his hands on me but I could feel the healing power of God. He asked everyone who was healed and would to write a piece to the Evangel. I thought I would but kept putting it off. Monday, the 24th, I took a pain over my right eye. It seemed like it would burst out. I would have them to pray for me and would get a little ease but it would get worse. I began to tell the Lord that I had gone as far as I could go and something said, "You never did write to the Evangel about your healing." I said, "Lord, if you will ease me I surely will in the morning." I began to get ease right then. There are many other things I would like to praise the Lord for thru the dear little paper I love so

well but it would take too much space. I ask an interest in the prayers of everyone for me and my family and loved ones.—A brother in Jesus' name, L. C. Blazer, Rt. 3, Box 42.

Healed of Pellagra

TULLOGEA, Ala.—I want to praise the Lord this morning through our wonderful little paper for what He is to me. About eight years ago I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Three years ago I came into the great Church of God and this morning I'm still determined to see the end of a Christian life for I know there are great things in store for those who hold out and endure to the end. It is a wonderful thing to trust the great divine hand in time of need. I suffered two years and a half with pellagra and lost seventy-two pounds in weight during that time, but this morning finds me divinely healed and I have gained fifteen pounds. I praise the dear Lord for it all for He is worthy of all praise.

Three months ago my husband and I came here from the Rio Grande Valley, Texas to do our best against sin and Satan. We find it a great big green field and not many laborers. There is not any Church of God here and only four members but lots of hungry hearts seeking the Lord. All who read this please pray for us to do the Lord's will and that there will soon be a Church of God here.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. W. W. Ball.

Healed by the Lord

BAXLEY, Ga.—This blessed morning I feel impressed to write a few words telling what God has done for me. I had something on my feet like sunblister but it wasn't. The Lord touched and wonderfully healed my feet. He has healed me many other times. He has healed my baby many times.

Please pray one day for me to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am unsaved but I believe the Lord will save me and wash my sins away.—Lottie Norfleet, Rt. 5.

He Has Healed so Many Times

BAXLEY, Ga.—I praise the dear Lord this morning for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost. One day last Fall my baby was taken real sick. His fever was very high. I fasted and prayed and Jesus wonderfully healed him. He has healed so many other times in my home.

I ask all who know the worth of prayer to pray for my family. I am the only one in my family with the Holy Ghost. Please pray hard and in earnest for them to be brought into the fold before it is too late.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Pearl Norfleet, Rt. 5.

Instantly Healed

EMORY, Tex.—I praise my blessed Redeemer this morning. He has been so good to me. I have many trials but I find the Lord is a present help in time of need. The Lord can surely heal. My little girl has had fever for over two weeks but the Lord came on the scene and healed her body. Only yesterday a neighbor man and his wife were here. His wife had just received the Holy Ghost. He was sick and asked us to pray for him. I got the dear Evangel and placed it on him and began to pray and the Lord instantly healed him. The enemy tried hard to kill me but God got the glory. I am trying to do God's will.

I want all the saints everywhere to pray for me that God will get glory out of my life. I want to be in the center of His will.

We have a loyal bunch of true souls fighting the battle. We love our pastor, Brother McBride. He feeds us with God's Holy Word.—Your sister in Christ and the Church of God, Lue James, Clark Chapel, Point, Texas.

I Know Jesus Does The Work

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—I want to praise God thru Jesus Christ for His wonderful healing power and for His blessed holy presence and how wonderfully the blessed Holy Ghost witnessed while I lay on my bed suffering with a bad sprained foot. I suffered off and on all night it seemed but thank God in the morning when it was time to get up I was able to get up, able to walk and able to do my work. I washed and ironed that day (yesterday) and now I can't tell it was ever hurt. I am so glad He is able to heal anything and to open the eyes of the blind, both spiritually and physically, and to make the lame to walk. I have been trusting Him wholly for years, have proved Him over and over and know He can and does do the work without one bit of medicine. Praise His dear name! Pray for me and my home.—A sister under the blood, Edna Allred.

Boy's Thumb Healed

I promised the Lord if He would

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

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awful generalities. We may also read our own personal destiny as recorded by the unerring pen—"It is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment." Though time's hours pass on and the event of death come shortly to us, we may enjoy the pleasure of today and look forward to greater things for tomorrow. But then the things of the past will come, reaping what we have sown, gathering what we have strewn. It will be well matured then. The slow decay or sudden stroke will come, the last sickness will come. The dying bed and dying hour will come. No time then when cold icy hands of death have been laid on our bodies and our breath shortens, our limbs stiffen, our eyes dim, our voice is but a low whisper. Our friends and loved ones shake their heads in doubt. That lonesome silence begins, some one is looking for the last beat of the heart, loved ones' eyes stream with tears, their hearts are breaking, wringing their hands they say, "The end has come. We have done all we could and in spite of it all death is here." Then what about yesterday and how will it be tomorrow? The funeral hour will come, that cold, lonely grave yonder is waiting, the lonesome clouds will soon be sounding over your once living, happy body. We hear the solemn words, "Earth to earth and dust to dust."

All the dread and solemn scenes of the closing of life will come, and come to you. It might have been that your loving companion stood by you to help you get your breath, raised the window and aided you in getting one more breath. Your children crying, feeling their best friend on earth is passing out, their hopes all blighted, look toward the future. All looks sad today. We are separated to await tomorrow's gathering at the judgment. The minister is summoned to come and speak a few words of comfort over this lifeless form. The casket is opened, friends march around to take the last look, the congregation passes out, the door is closed, loved ones come and weep over you the last time, the casket is closed, the pallbearers with their tender care take hold and carry the corpse to the door, the hearse is waiting. (Any of these thoughts bring such sadness.) Then your business may be closed, your property divided and wasted, your children wronged, your widow robbed and all the hopes, joys, and prospects of your earthly life blasted, buried, and forgotten. What have you then to rest upon? What shall stand you instead in that day, tomorrow?

THE AWFUL DAY OF RECKONING
If all this can come in yesterday and today, what will tomorrow bring? when the great day of His wrath has come, when each deed and act will be rewarded for. Oh that great reckoning will come, the angelic myriads will come, and the glory of God will come, the great trumpet of God will call the dead in Christ, Jesus Himself with the voice of the archangel. Oh that resurrection when only the dead in Christ come forth with glorified bodies, going with Jesus to reign a thousand years in perfect peace, perfect happiness, no sorrow, no crying, no heartaches. All is well, all is rest, for those who have met the conditions, accepted Christ as their Savior. Glory to His name! The great white throne judgment comes where all nations

heal my little boy's thumb I would testify to it thru the Evangel and He healed it. It never did hurt him any more so I am thanking the Lord for it. All who read this pray that I will always trust Him as my healer and that I will stay in the center of His will that He can use me for His own glory. Pray for my husband that he will get the Holy Ghost before it is too late.—Your sister in Christ Jesus, Daisy Mantooth, Commerce, Tex.

Held On And He Answered

ELROD, Ala.—I praise God this evening because He is so good to me. He keeps me in the strait and narrow way which is so sweet. I thank God for healing me just a few days ago of chills and fever. I just held on to God for my healing and he did the work. I am a member of the dear Church of God, and have been for the past twenty years. I also have the sweet Holy Ghost, have had Him seventeen years. The experience gets sweeter all the way.

I want the entire Evangel family to pray a special prayer for the dear Lord to completely heal my body for I am afflicted all over. I am not able to work but very little at a time. I have a bad stomach trouble and also rheumatism. There is no Church of God any closer than fifteen miles from me and I do not get to go to church as I have no way to go only to walk and I can't walk that far. I have not heard but one gospel sermon in over two years. I am so hungry to be in a good revival. I ask all to pray also that my husband will get the Holy Ghost before it is too late for I feel like it won't be long till Jesus will come and oh what a sad sight it will be. So many will be crying for the rocks to fall on them. Pray for me to get closer to God that some one else will see and know that I am a child of God.—One who loves the Church of God, Mrs. L. A. Sykes, Star Route.

gather from the East, West, North and South, even the sea gives up her dead to come to this great gathering. The earth gives up the dead in the graves. Then the glad welcome voice is heard, "Come, ye blessed of my Father." And the awful voice will be heard, "Depart." The great separation will be and the final sentence past. Those who have been found faithful in a few things will receive their reward, will be sheltered in the heaven of heavens to share the glory of God and His Christ. They will sing that song of redemption. Amen and amen, then the lake of fire, that God has so faithfully warned each one against, that was made for the devil, and those whose names cannot be found in the book of life will share their part there, and oh the blackness of that darkness for all who passed the sign posts that have been posted for warnings to the judgment travelers—"Get on the Highway today"—who go on, give no heed to the sign post, what will be the results? Destruction, ruin, death, darkness, sorrow, and despair. To the sons of one man, Adam, one commandment; increase of men, increase of commandments and yet all in one, obedience.

One great feature about this great gathering, the Judge is righteous, has an all seeing eye, can see to the depth of all hearts and has no respect of persons, will not the death of any and when these things come, how will they find you? In what state will you meet the solemn circumstances of the tremendous future? Against the danger of morality what shall be your protection? and what will you do in the end thereof? Against the calamities of coming doom what shall be your defence? Everything earthly will fail you then, wealth, fame, prudence, all will be vain. Only beneath the gracious protection of Almighty God and in the reconciling love of His only begotten Son can we hide ourselves in safety and in peace. "Lord, thou hast been our hiding place, our refuge, our shield; before the mountains were brought forth or ever thou hadst formed the earth or the world, from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

There is a way of escape made for every living soul thru the great plan of salvation. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? In the beginning God began to give warnings of His wrath. He has spoken thru His prophets, thru the Holy Ghost, and given the interpretation thru some of His most faithful servants. He fenced it and gathered out the stones thereof and planted it with the choicest vine and built a tower in the midst of it and also made a wine press therein and He looked that it should bring forth grapes and it brought forth wild grapes. What could have been done more to my vineyard that I have not done in it? God has held out His hands of love and mercy offering help and deliverance, redemption. Today there are hundreds of men, women, and children crying to the lost souls, "Come to Jesus. He will save you from all of your past (yesterday) sins and tomorrow you may sweetly rest in the shadow of the tree of life, drink of the water of life, have life everlasting, dwell in the city of gold, sit on His throne, look in His face that outshines the sun. Will you accept or reject? Procrastination is the thief of time. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

A Church of God Set In Order

CULBERSON, N. C.—About July 6 Brother Tarpley from Copperhill, Tenn. came to this place and began a revival. After the Word had been preached for a week there arose no small stir among the people about this way. The meeting continued for nearly five weeks. It was held most of the time in a brush arbor on Highway No. 8. When it rained so we could not use the arbor we had services at the home of the writer. The Lord was with us and blessed wonderfully. Two were saved, two restored, one sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost and five were baptized by immersion.

Brother Stephens, state overseer of North Carolina, came at the close of the meeting and set a church in order with seven members. He also preached two soul stirring sermons. We are praying that he might be sent back this way and spend a week or so with us again before the Assembly.

We are still using the brush arbor for prayer meeting and Sunday School. We are trusting, praying, hoping, and looking forward to the time when we may have a Church of God building to worship in. I ask all who read this to earnestly pray that this may come true. I believe the Lord will make a way for His people and will increase the number if we hold on to Him and earnestly contend for the right to prevail. This is a needy place. Many people here are looking this way and seemingly are becoming hungry for the blessing while there are many who are on the contrary and want to scoff and persecute the way. I feel we few members have a severe battle ahead to fight and unless we have the power of God and the prayers of the saints we are liable to fall and lose the victory. This is why I say, Pray for us that the light of Jesus might be made to shine so bright in this part of the dark places of the world that the lost might turn to God and be saved and believers be sanctified and the Holy Ghost may abide forever. I hope by this time

Obituaries

CAMDEN

On Sunday morning, Aug. 9, 1931, the dear Lord called Sister Mildred Camden to live with Him. She had the Holy Ghost and was ready to go. She was the clerk's daughter. She will be greatly missed by the church and friends here. She was nineteen years of age. She leaves father, mother, two brothers, two sisters, other relatives, and many friends to mourn. The funeral was conducted by Brother McRatluff and her body was laid to rest in Markem cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Those prayers, those words, those tender smiles, We never shall forget; And we shall hasten on our way To meet you at the pearly gate. —Ones who dearly loved her, Lois Williams, and Irene Jenkins, Box 72, Cord, Ark.

KISLER

On Aug. 17, 1931 the death angel called Mr. Wiley Kisler away thru an accident in a car on Coal River. He was the son of Brother J. L. and Sister Agnes Kisler, and was twenty-six years, eleven months, and two days of age. He was a member of the Church of God at Lax. He called for prayer. His praying mother was at his bedside offering up prayers in his behalf. He leaves two sisters, four brothers, other relatives, and friends to mourn his death. The funeral was conducted by Brother S. B. McCane, pastor at Lax church and his body was laid to rest in the White graveyard.—S. B. McCane.

LEDFORD

On Aug. 30 our dear brother and husband made his departure from this world of care and sorrow to a home of eternal peace and love. He was sick only a few days. He bore his suffering with patience. Brother Ledford was a loyal member of the Church of God. The church shall surely miss him. He was sixty-six years, two months, and eighteen days old. He leaves to mourn his death a devoted Christian wife, two brothers, one sister, one grandchild, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by our district pastor, Brother Will Stallings, assisted by Brother E. S. Davis and his body was laid to rest in the Union cemetery to await the resurrection.

Sometime in the by and by If we lie in the arms of love, We shall find that what seems loss Is but the sweetest gain in realms above.—One who loved him, C. J. Brewster, Shelby, N. C.

McCULLEY

On July 18 the death angel visited the home of Brother T. P. McCulley and claimed for its victim his wife, Mary Alice McCulley. She was married to Brother T. P. McCulley in December, 1912. To this union were born six sons. She was a member of the Church of God for several years to which she was a faithful member until death. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, six sons, father, stepmother, three brothers, and a host of friends. Her body was laid to rest in the Antioch cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. Funeral services were conducted by the writer of Live Oak, Fla.—E. L. Hicks.

WIGLEY

On Aug. 10 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wigley and took their little darling, Glyndon Virgil, to be with Jesus. His stay with us was short, about thirty hours, but God does all things well. We weep not as those who have no hope. We loved him but Jesus loved him best. We expect to meet him by God's help. He leaves father, mother and two half brothers to mourn. His father, mother and one half brother are members of the Church of God at Strait Creek.—His mother, Grace Sward Wigley, Rt. 2, Chavies, Ala.

PRINCE

One Thursday afternoon in June the dear Lord called Sister Prince home to be with Jesus. Her death was a shock. She was found dead in her home. She was about thirty-nine years of age. She left a husband, six children and a host of friends. She was loved by all who knew her. She had the Holy Ghost and belonged to the

next year we may have a church building and a pastor also.

Brother Tarpley preaches for us twice a month and we are so glad to have him and his wife help us in this fight. In fact, we can't thank them enough for their faithful assistance in helping us to see the light on the Word of God. I know the Lord will abundantly reward them for their labors and sacrifices.

If there is a Church of God minister at leisure at this time we would be glad for them to pass this way and preach for us some as we are few in number and only babes in Christ. The good people of the Church of God at Copperhill, Tenn. were good in coming and helping us in the revival. God bless them all and the saints everywhere in our prayer. Let me earnestly contend that you pray for us at Culbertson.—Mrs. Ella Jenkins, Rt. 2.

Church of God. Our loss is heaven's gain. She will be missed in her home and by her friends. The funeral was conducted by our pastor, J. A. Hipps, Cairo, Ga. and her body was laid to rest in the Long Branch cemetery to await the great resurrection.—One who loved her, Lula Owens.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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to awake and begin saving and not spend so much unnecessary money, begin to help the cause of Christ. You say, Well, let him or her work. Yes, they can work but who is that over yonder calling. Come over and help us? We could go many times if we had a little car fare. This could come thru the treasure of home missions. If we the Church of God would awake to righteousness and stop buying so many unnecessary things and every one put his shoulder to the wheel, we could do more for the Lord. If we could only put a small amount in once a month, God would bless us and we could get the truth to many nooks and corners where it has never gone and won't go until we wake up and go to work. Eph. 5:14.

If we will get this work on our hearts there will be many new places gone into and worked out. There is much money spent for pleasure, for paint, powder, gum, candy, gas and oil and many things that we could do without. Many times folks are able to buy these things, have a bank account and carry money in their pockets but when a collection is taken they will search out dimes, nickles and pennies and throw in when they could give more. Oh how bad we need to awake out of sleep and get up and shake ourselves. We testify and say we want to do something to help some soul to come to God. Well, if you can't preach, you can come and help others who can. Many preachers could go if the means were provided. Today is the day of salvation. This is the time and age to work, night will soon be here when no man can work.

Oh, let us all wake up and put on the whole armor of God. If Jesus were here, would we do for Him like we are doing for others? I don't want the blood of any man on my hands. Let us pray more and talk less, give more and more and do everything God would have us do for if the righteous scarcely be saved where will the sinner and ungodly appear? Many righteous have desired to see these things and have not seen them. Brothers and sisters, pray much. God bless each reader.—Minnie Duke, Rt. 1, Stanton, Ala.

The Power of God Fell

ALBANY, Ga.—Sister Helen Smith, the little twelve year old evangelist, and her father, mother and Brother George Downs from Orlando, Fla. came here and held us a two and one-half weeks' meeting. Thirty-one received the precious Holy Ghost. I do not know how many were saved and sanctified.

My, how the great power of God did fall! Sinners fell under the power and came up speaking in tongues. Sometimes we did not have any preaching as the Holy Ghost would take charge of the service. We have perfect fellowship here. No crosses or one bit of anything to hinder the sweet Spirit of God. He surely does bless us. The saints come together and go to singing and clapping their hands and the Lord goes to blessing. Soon nearly the whole church, old and young, men, women and children are dancing under the mighty power. We have forty-one members. We also have a Young People's Endeavor which was organized with thirty members. I thank the Lord for our young people. We have several who are filled with the Holy Ghost and are real workers for Jesus.

We have a good Sunday School. Our pastor says he is proud of our Sunday School and we are all proud of our pastor, Brother John Padgett. The whole church appreciates him and his faithful service to the church. All who read this please remember to pray for him and his family.

I thank the Lord for what He is to me. I love Him this afternoon with all my heart. He blesses my soul. He blesses my husband, Brother Hall. He is on fire for God.

We appreciated having dear Sister Bell from Valdosta with us in our home during the meeting. She was a blessing to all of us.

God has healed me of some kind of kidney trouble. He healed me after I had been on the bed twelve days.

Saints, let's be true and keep sweet and humble where God can use us and be ready to go when He comes.—Sister Minnie Lee Hall.

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